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Over \$8 million awarded in east central Georgia for roadway improvements

TENNILLE – The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) recently awarded five major projects in east central Georgia (District 2) valued at more than \$8 million as a result of available state funds from the Transportation Funding Act (TFA) and federal funds. These projects were advertised for bids in February and awarded in early March. Projects will improve safety and roadway conditions within Johnson, Lincoln, Wilkes, Morgan, Putnam and Jenkins counties.

With several of the projects resting within the 10th Congressional District, State Transportation Board member Jamie Boswell said the TFA or HB 170 dollars will benefit residents in every corner of Georgia.

“Some feared that only the metro areas would reap the benefits of the new spending bill. But a perfect example is what is taking place in the smaller, less populated counties throughout the state,” Boswell said. “We are witnessing it first hand in Wilkes, Putnam, Lincoln, Johnson and Morgan counties, where over \$8 million will be spent improving our roads. This is a great start, and there is more to come.”

Local projects awarded this month include:

- **Morgan/Putnam:** C and H Paving, Inc. was awarded the \$4,188,857 contract for 17.239 miles of milling, inlay, plant mix resurfacing, single surface treatment paving and shoulder rehabilitation on US 441/State Route (SR) 24 beginning south of Reids Road and extending to Interstate 20 with yet another January 31, 2017 completion date;
- **Johnson:** Everett Dykes Grassing Company, Inc. was awarded the \$595,800 contract to resurface over 10 miles at various locations with a January 31, 2017 completion date. This is a state contract funded through Transportation Investment Act (TIA) collections. Areas to be leveled, resurfaced and striped span 3.47 miles on the Snellbridge Road

beginning at State Route 15 and ending at the Laurens County line, 3.92 miles on Cross Cedar Road beginning at the Powerline Road and ending at the Donovan-Harrison Road in the City of Wrightsville and 2.66 miles on Cross Cedar Road beginning at Harrison-Pringle Road and ending at Powerline Road;

- **Lincoln/Wilkes:** C and H Paving, Inc. was awarded the \$1,938,419 contract for 15.238 miles of milling, inlay, plant mix resurfacing, single surface treatment paving and shoulder rehabilitation on SR 44 beginning at SR 17 and extending to SR 79 with a January 31, 2017 completion date; This route was last resurfaced in 1995;
- **Wilkes:** C and H Paving, Inc. was awarded the \$1,449,419 contract for 3.37 miles of milling, inlay, plant mix resurfacing, single surface treatment paving and shoulder rehabilitation on SR 17 beginning at SR 47 and extending north of SR 17 BU with a January 31, 2017 completion date;
- **Jenkins:** Peek Pavement Marking, LLC was awarded the \$173,848 contract for signing and pavement marking upgrades at 10 Jenkins County highway/railroad crossings. A total of 44 “highway-rail-at-grade” crossings in Chatham, Effingham and Screven counties also make up the overall contract with a November 30, 2016 completion date.

As available contracts increase due to the estimated \$830 million to \$1 billion in annual sustainable transportation investment through the TFA, a request has been issued for contractors to qualify to bid on 16 different categories of routine maintenance activities across the state such as fencing installation and repairs; vegetation removal, tree cutting and landscape maintenance; pavement preservation; pipe replacement; joint repair of bridge structures; and other services.

This type of work offers significant opportunities for small businesses to participate in the process to improve Georgia’s transportation network.

“We want all contractors including small, minority, veteran and women-owned businesses to know that we are open for business,” said GDOT Commissioner Russell McMurry. “We are ramping up for extremely busy construction seasons this and in future years - all as a result of the Transportation Funding Act of 2015. We need our contracting partners to perform routine maintenance activities; repair and replace our bridge structures; and provide safety improvements.”

The requirements for prequalification to bid are at the Georgia Procurement Registry, which can be accessed from the www.GAroads.org webpage.

Details on awarded projects from the February letting are located through the Award Announcement Downloads link at www.bidx.com/ga/letting?lettingid=16021901. [Click on Award Announcement on the right.](#)

Information on schedules, lane closures and detours will be made available in advance of construction activities.

In their 2015 legislative session, Georgia lawmakers addressed the state's critical transportation infrastructure needs with passage of House Bill 170, Georgia's transportation funding bill. The Transportation Funding Act (TFA) of 2015 is expected to generate an estimated \$870 million in the first fiscal year. This sustained annual revenue will be used to fund much-needed routine maintenance and capital improvements. GDOT is planning now so that projects can advance quickly once funds are received starting in July 2016.

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